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SUB: DOMINICAN FORCES ATTACK LOS TRINITARIOS

1. COMBINED FORCES OF THE DOMINICAN NATIONAL POLICE, ARMY AND AIR FORCE INITIATED FOUR DAYS OF COORDINATED ATTACKS AGAINST ALLEGED MEMBERS OF THE LEFT-WING TERRORIST GROUP, IDENTIFIED BY THE AUTHORITIES AS "LOS TRINITARIOS".
2. THE RAIDS, WHICH BEGAN MARCH 8 AND CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, CULMINATED IN A PROLONGED BATTLE IN PROVINCIAL TOWN OF BANI MARCH 10 THAT LEFT TWO DEAD AND THREE WOUNDED. DURING THE FIREFIGHT, DOMICAN FORCES KILLED VICTOR DOMIN-GUEZ, ALLEGED TO BE A MEMBER OF SEVERAL LEFT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS. IN A SEPARATE RAID, IN SANTO DOMINGO, POLICE ARRESTED RAFAEL MORALES MERCEDES, SAID TO BE SECON IN COMMAND OF LOS TRINITARIOS AND LINKED TO TWO ARMED ROBBERIES AND THE MURDER OF TWO POLICEMEN.
3. THE ACTION, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN AS MANY AS 10 TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THE INTERIOR AS WELL AS THE CAPITAL, FOLLOW APPROXIMATELY 11 MONTHS OF RELATIVE INACTIVITY ON THE

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PART OF TERRORIST GROUPS.

4. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS MAINTAIN THAT AS MANY AS 500 PERSONS WERE DETAINED IN THE RAIDS, BUT ALL BUT 20 WERE RELEASED. POLICE CONFIRMED THE ARREST OF MORALES BUT DECLINED TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS. AUTHORITIES PROMISED A FULL REPORT AT A LATER DATE.

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